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Agenda item 7

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Boris GOUDIMA (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) held an organizational meeting (1st and 2nd meetings) at United Nations Headquarters on 6 May 1991, and held its thirty-first session (3rd to meetings) at United Nations Headquarters from 13 May to 7 June.

A. Agenda

2. The Agenda for the thirty-first session, adopted by the Committee at its 2nd meeting, is reproduced in annex I.

3. In adopting the agenda, the Committee, in accordance with the decision taken at its twenty-fourth session, 1/ decided to consider at its thirty-first session the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical cooperation projects" (A/44/646) and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/45/648).

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st, 2nd and meetings, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Ms. Maria Elisa de Bittencourt Berenguer (Brazil)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Kees W. Spaans (Netherlands)
Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)
One Vice-Chairman was not elected.

Rapporteur: Mr. Boris Goudima (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

C. Attendance

5. The following States members of the Committee were represented:

Algeria
Argentina
Bahamas
Benin
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burundi
Cameroon
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
France
Germany
India
Indonesia
Iraq
Italy
Japan
Morocco
Netherlands
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Poland
Sri Lanka
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Venezuela
Zambia

6. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Australia
Austria
Canada
Cuba
Costa Rica
Egypt
Ethiopia
Finland
Ghana
Hungary
Jamaica
Kenya
Mali
Mexico
Nicaragua
Peru
Portugal
Romania
Spain
Sweden
Tunisia
United Republic of Tanzania
Yugoslavia

7. The following specialized agencies were represented:

International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
World Health Organization
World Bank
International Monetary Fund

8. Also present at the session were the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance, the Controller, and other senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat, including the representatives of the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation and the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Council (WFC) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). At the invitation of the Committee, Mr. T. Kabongo, Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit, also participated in its work.

D. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Committee at its thirty-first session is contained in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

10. At its to meetings, on and June 1991, the Committee adopted the draft report on its thirty-first session (E/AC.51/1991/L.4 and Add.1-).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38), para. 388.

ANNEX I

Agenda for the thirty-first session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Programme questions:

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

   (b) Programme performance of the United Nations;

   (c) Statements of programme budget implications and procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund;

   (d) Evaluation;

   (e) Contribution of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/254.

4. Coordination questions:

   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and preparations for the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

   (b) Implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development.

5. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-first session.

ANNEX II

List of documents before the Committee at its thirty-first session

A/46/6 Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Introduction

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Section 2. Good offices and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information

Section 3. Political and Security Council Affairs

Section 4. Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services

Section 5. Disarmament

Section 6. Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Trusteeship and Decolonization

Section 7. Elimination of apartheid

Section 8. International Court of Justice

Section 9. Legal activities

Section 10. Law of the Sea and Ocean Affairs

Section 11. Development and International Economic Cooperation

Section 12. Regular programme of technical cooperation

Section 13. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

Section 14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development

Section 15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Section 16. International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT)

Section 17. United Nations Environment Programme

Section 18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development

Section 19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Section 20.	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
Section 21.	Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs
Section 22.	International Drug Control
Section 23.	Economic Commission for Africa
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Section 30.	Disaster relief operations

A/46/170	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications and for the use and operation of the contingency fund
A/46/173	Report of the Secretary-General on the methodology for monitoring and reporting the programme performance of the United Nations
E/1991/16 and Corr.1	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development
E/1991/42	Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1990
E/1991/42/Add.1	Programmes and resources of the United Nations system
E/1991/42/Add.2	Summary of 1990 activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination subsidiary bodies
E/1991/44	Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the Register of Development Activities of the United Nations system

E/1990/123	Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the twenty-fifth series of the Joint Meetings of the two Committees
E/AC.51/1991/1	Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session
E/AC.51/1991/2	Report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme
E/AC.51/1991/3 and Corr.1	Final report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on development issues and policies of the Economic Commission for Africa
E/AC.51/1991/4 and Corr.1	Progress report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on the international protection of and assistance to refugees: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
E/AC.51/1991/5	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the evaluation of the programmes on development issues and policies
E/AC.51/1991/CRP.1	Draft framework for a system-wide medium-term plan for the economic recovery of African countries
E/AC.51/1991/CRP.2	Follow-up to the cross-organizational programme analysis on the activities of the United Nations system on industrial development
E/AC.51/1991/INF.1	List of delegations
E/AC.51/1991/L.1/Rev.1	Draft programme of work: note by the Secretariat
E/AC.51/1991/L.2/Rev.2	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session
E/AC.51/1991/L.3	Agenda for the thirty-first session, as adopted by the Committee at its second meeting, on 6 May 1991
E/AC.51/1991/L.4 and Add.1-	Draft report of the Committee
E/AC.51/1991/L.5	Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Committee.

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation

1. In-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme

1. At its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 May, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme (E/AC.51/1991/2).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee noted that the final report had been prepared in accordance with the recommendations on methodology for this evaluation, contained in paragraphs 358 to 361 of its report on the work of its thirtieth session. 1/

3. The Committee recalled that this was the first evaluation of a political programme and that it had chosen questionnaires as the main instrument. Although it was recognized that the questionnaires had been adequately designed and distributed, the Committee was concerned, on the whole, about the low response rates to them. That raised a number of questions concerning the validity of some of the conclusions drawn on the basis of the received replies.

4. The Committee noted that the overall assessment of the servicing of the disarmament programme was positive.

5. The Committee took note of the report and its recommendations, and decided that a separate report to the Committee reviewing implementation of those recommendations would not be necessary.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16).